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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR EARLE'S STATEMENT OF MAY 24, 1978
- (SALT TWO-1761)

1. BEGIN TEXT:

MR. MINISTER:

- I

TODAY I WILL RETURN TO THE QUESTION OF TIMING FOR
CARRYING OUT DISMANTLING OR DESTRUCTION OF THOSE STRATEGIC
OFFENSIVE ARMS WHICH WOULD BE IN EXCESS OF THE REDUCED
OVERALL AGGREGATE PROVIDED FOR IN PARAGRAPH 2 OF ARTICLE
III OF THE TREATY.

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ON MAY 3, THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION PRESENTED RE-
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VIDED PROPOSALS FOR RESOLVING THE ISSUES OF THE REDUCED
OVERALL AGGREGATE AND THE AGGREGATE NUMBER OF MIRV SYS-
TEMS, THE TIMING FOR INITIATING AND CARRYING OUT THE
DISMANTLING OR DESTRUCTION OF EXCESS STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE
ARMS, AND THE DATE OF EXPIRATION OF THE TERM OF THE PRO-
TOCOL. IN CONNECTION WITH THE TIMING FOR CARRYING OUT THE
DISMANTLING OR DESTRUCTION OF EXCESS STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE

ARMS, THE UNITED STATES PROPOSED THAT THIS PROCESS BE INITIATED BY JANUARY 1, 1980, PROCEED AT A STEADY RATE TO BE DETERMINED, AND BE COMPLETED BY DECEMBER 31, 1980. TODAY I WILL MAKE A PROPOSAL FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF SUCH DISMANTLING OR DESTRUCTION.

- III

THE UNITED STATES BELIEVES THAT A SCHEDULE FOR A PHASED DEACTIVATION OF EXCESS STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS SHOULD BE AGREED IN ADVANCE AND SHOULD ENSURE THAT THE DISMANTLING OR DESTRUCTION WILL PROCEED AT A STEADY RATE. AT THE SAME TIME SUCH A SCHEDULE SHOULD PROVIDE ASSURANCE THAT ALL SUCH ARMS ARE RENDERED INOPERABLE AT AN EARLY DATE.

ACCORDINGLY, THE UNITED STATES PROPOSES THE FOLLOWING AGREED STATEMENT TO PARAGRAPH 3 OF ARTICLE XI:

AGREED STATEMENT TO PARAGRAPH 3 OF ARTICLE XI

- THE PARTIES AGREE THAT THE TERM "STEADY RATE," AS USED IN PARAGRAPH 3 OF ARTICLE XI, MEANS THE FOLLOWING:

- (A) ALL STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS WHICH WOULD BE IN EXCESS OF THE AGGREGATE NUMBER PRO-SECRET

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- VIDE FOR IN PARAGRAPH 2 OF ARTICLE III
- SHALL BE PLACED IN A STATE OF ASSURED
- INOPERABILITY NOT LATER THAN APRIL 30, 1980;

- (B) THE DISMANTLING OR DESTRUCTION OF ONE-THIRD OF THE NUMBER OF SUCH ARMS SHALL BE COMPLETED NOT LATER THAN JUNE 30, 1980;

- (C) THE DISMANTLING OR DESTRUCTION OF TWO-THIRDS OF THE NUMBER OF SUCH ARMS SHALL BE COMPLETED NOT LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 30, 1980; AND

- (D) THE DISMANTLING OR DESTRUCTION OF ALL SUCH ARMS SHALL BE COMPLETED NOT LATER THAN DECEMBER 31, 1980.

THE PARTIES FURTHER AGREE THAT THE STATE OF ASSURED INOPERABILITY REFERRED TO ABOVE SHALL BE ACHIEVED PURSUANT TO PROCEDURES TO BE AGREED UPON IN THE STANDING CONSULTATIVE COMMISSION. SUCH PROCEDURES SHALL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS, WHICH SHALL BE ACCOMPLISHED

IN THE OPEN:

- (1) FOR ICBM LAUNCHERS: DESTRUCTION OF SILO
 - HEADWORKS;
- (2) FOR SLBM LAUNCHERS: REMOVAL OF MISSILE LAUNCH
 - TUBES AND REINFORCING COLLARS AND PLACEMENT OF
 - THE REMOVED MISSILE LAUNCH TUBES ON STATIC DIS-
 - PLAY UNTIL SUCH LAUNCHERS ARE DISMANTLED OR

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- DESTROYED; AND,
- (3) FOR HEAVY BOMBERS: CUTTING THE BOMBER FUSELAGE
 - INTO TWO PIECES OF APPROXIMATELY EQUAL SIZE AND
 - LEAVING THESE PIECES ON STATIC DISPLAY UNTIL SUCH
 - BOMBERS ARE DISMANTLED OR DESTROYED.

THIS PROPOSAL, WHICH ENSURES THAT DISMANTLING OR
DESTRUCTION WILL PROCEED AT A STEADY RATE, IS MADE IN
THE CONTEXT OF SOVIET AGREEMENT TO THE UNITED STATES
PROPOSAL FOR THE INITIATION OF DISMANTLING OR DESTRUCTION
BY JANUARY 1, 1980, AND EXPIRATION OF THE TERM OF THE
PROTOCOL BY DECEMBER 31, 1980.

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AS WE HAVE DISCUSSED PREVIOUSLY, MR. MINISTER, THE

UNITED STATES BELIEVES THAT THE COMBINATION OF THE PRO-
POSALS TABLED BY THE UNITED STATES ON MAY 3, WHICH PRO-
VIDES FOR THE DISMANTLING OR DESTRUCTION OF FEWER EXCESS
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ARMS OVER A LONGER PERIOD OF TIME THAN THE UNITED STATES
HAD PREVIOUSLY PROPOSED, TAKES INTO ACCOUNT THE CONCERNS
EXPRESSED BY THE SOVIET SIDE. THE UNITED STATES FURTHER
BELIEVES THAT THOSE PROPOSALS, SUPPLEMENTED BY THE PRO-
POSAL MADE TODAY BY THE UNITED STATES, PROVIDE A COM-
PREHENSIVE SOLUTION TO THIS ISSUE. END TEXT. EARLE

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